Reviewer's report

Title: Power of computed-tomography-defined sarcopenia for prediction of morbidity after pancreaticoduodenectomy

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Interesting manuscript entitled "Power of computed-tomography-defined sarcopenia for prediction of morbidity after pancreaticoduodenectomy" that is an retrospective single center study with relative small sample. Furthermore, need few correction / improvements in your manuscript.

1 - In Methods section, should provide more details about: a) the study type (prospective data colected, however retrospective database analysis), b) all selection (inclusion and exclusion criteria), should also c) demonstrated and evaluated the specific etiology and diagnostic that led the patient to undergo surgery.

2 - I believe it is important to analyze the baseline data and comorbidities of all included patients because they may be a selection bias of the present study, or maybe with the results obtained.

3 - Important to state wich patients performed any type of chemotherapy (how long? which? time? type?). Should describe clearly these selection of the patients. It will be posible to performe prospectively? Or any other associated treatment.

4 - Moreover, you were able to use control group or performe some comparisons? Or your study is only a descriptive one.

5 - Regarding your results description. I suggest to performe a baseline table with groups comparisons.

6 - Needs to improve the limitations of your study.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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No

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